

EDITORS' CHOICE

HOT PRODUCTS

2011 INTERNATIONAL BUILDERS' SHOW

Each year, the *LBM Journal* team works the International Builders Show, seeking out products and services that will help you grow your business. The big question, “What’s new?” is useless without the followup, “...and how is that measurably better than what’s currently available?” While there are always a few products that qualify as true “game changers,” the vast majority represent incremental improvements—good products made better. Recurrent themes at this year’s show were “energy-efficiency” and “labor-saving.” In short, leading manufacturers continue investing in products that help you better serve your builder, remodeler and homeowner customers. As usual, space prevents us from printing an exhaustive list; so please consider this a snapshot of offerings from this year’s show. The listings are in no particular order.

Kleer TruEDGE™ from Kleer Lumber

Kleer TruEDGE from Kleer Lumber is described as a next-generation sealed edge designed to produce crisp edges that stay cleaner all the way through installation at the jobsite. Manufactured with the same consistency and tolerances found in all Kleer products, TruEDGE is engineered to deliver the benefits dealers and contractors demand. Unlike some competitive products, Kleer TruEDGE is a truly sealed edge that is said to stay cleaner than traditional PVC

trimboards and to be easier to clean if it does get dirty. Kleer Lumber’s proprietary KleerPak packaging keeps the product cleaner while stored in distributor and dealer yards and now Kleer TruEDGE will keep the product cleaner once its removed from the KleerPak and installed on the jobsite. Plus, it has green attributes as well. Like all other Kleer trim products, Kleer TruEDGE is certified by Scientific Certification Systems to contain a minimum 19% pre-consumer recycled content. www.kleerlumber.com



Quik Drive® WSHL Collated Screws from Simpson Strong-Tie

The new WSHL collated wood screws are engineered for fastening subfloor using the Simpson Strong-Tie® Quik Drive auto-feed system. With shear, pull-through and withdrawal values that are equivalent to those of 8d nails when tested in sheathing (from 15/32-23/32" in thickness), WSHL screws are said to have the holding power to reduce the gaps between the joist and subfloor that cause floor squeaks. WSHL screws also are described as a cost-effective solution for fastening for fastening pallets, crating and underlayment. www.strongtie.com/quikdrive or 800.999.5099



NapaWrap™ Coastal Housewrap from Propex

Designed to hang tough in coastal weather, including high winds and storms, NapaWrap™ Coastal HouseWrap offers what the company says is an industry first—a “tear-free guarantee,” which says if it tears under normal use according to manufacturer’s guidelines, the company will replace it for free.

Engineered to keep water out, but allow moisture vapor to escape from the inside of the wall exterior, NapaWrap Coastal boasts superior tear- and UV-resistance—claiming twice the UV protection of leading brands and can go uncovered for up to one year.



Described as lightweight and easy to install, NapaWrap Coastal comes in a tan color and five roll sizes. www.napa-wrap.com or 888.437.3423

Vented Sidelites from Therma-Tru®

Homeowners can now let light and fresh air into their homes without sacrificing energy efficiency or style with Therma-Tru’s new vented sidelites for the Fiber-Classic Oak Collection and Smooth-Star product line. The fastest growing category in hinged patio and entry doors, vented sidelites offer the ventilation consumers want without the inconvenience and obstruction of storm doors or sliding screens.

Therma-Tru’s vented sidelites are continuous systems comprised of either one-hinged door and two-hinged sidelites, or two-hinged French doors and two-hinged sidelites. Door stile edges and a wide patio mullion provide additional strength when doors are open. Therma-Tru is said to be the



only fiberglass door manufacturer in the market today to offer vented sidelites with decorative glass options. www.thermatru.com or 800.537.8827



CMI Adds New Door to Flat-Panel Line

Engineered to combine classic panel design with a smooth surface, CMI’s new CraftMaster® Conmore™ molded, flat-panel interior door is the second in a series of molded, flat-panel doors within the CraftMaster Interior Door family. Available in 6'8" and 7'0" passage and bifold sizes, Conmore features five horizontal panels, and can be specified with either finger joint or MDF stiles and rails. With its solid core construction, the new flat-panel door is said to provide enhanced dimensional stability, durability and excellent sound insulating properties.

Like all CraftMaster interior doors, the Conmore is manufactured by CMI from molded, high-density fiberboard to resist shrinking, cracking and joint separation, which may occur in wood doors. It is also covered by a five-year limited warranty that includes defects in material and workmanship from the original purchase date and applies to the original installation.

www.cmicompany.com or 800.405.2233